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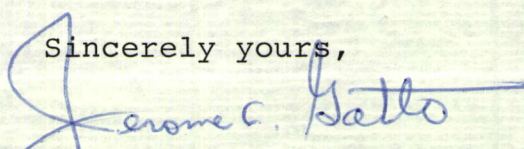
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Gentlemen,

Per our consultant Dr. James Whelan, University of Utah, we have been advised to file Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations.

Additionally, I have attached our most recent correspondence with the Bureau of Land Management dated May 24, 1978, and June 13, 1978.

Sincerely yours,


Jerome C. Gatto
Executive Vice President

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